



River Ranger Registration Packet
April 30, May 7 or May 21
8:30 am - 12:30 pm



War in the Pacific

National Historical Park



Hafa Adai!

As Superintendent of War in the Pacific National Historical Park, I'm pleased to welcome you to this very special place. At seven sites on land and underwater, this park commemorates the people of World War II and protects and interprets amazing natural and historic resources. We are pleased to offer the River Ranger program to connect youths to some of these resources, right alongside educators and other park experts. For 3rd and 4th graders this is an exciting opportunity to visit War in the Pacific National Historical Park!

Yet this is also an exciting time for other national parks across the country. On August 25, 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its 100th birthday. As we approach the Centennial with renewed energy, our focus will be to "connect with and create the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates". Over the next several months we will engage youths in a variety of programs and outdoor activities. This River Ranger program is just one opportunity!

Throughout the day, River Rangers will discover up-close some of the less-visited ecosystems on Guam, as well as the fascinating creatures that live there. Moreover, they'll learn aspects of personal safety while hiking in Guam's watersheds as well as a deeper sense of responsibility for caring for the island's fragile resources. Spending time in the great outdoors of a national park is often a transformative experience, for both the young and old. We hope this engaging experience will inspire these River Rangers for a lifetime and that their new understandings of science may lead to future careers in biology, botany, natural resource management, interpretation, education, or in federal service caring for our public lands.

Working together with our non-profit partner, Pacific Historic Parks, we look forward to our River Ranger program. Join us as we engage the youth on Guam to become future care takers of our national parks!



Sincerely,

Jim Richardson
Superintendent
War in the Pacific National Historical Park

PACIFIC HISTORIC PARKS

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April 2016

Are your children looking for something fun to do outdoors during the weekend? Are they curious about rivers and what lives in them? Perhaps they might be fascinated with interesting creatures and plants only found on Guam. Then enroll them in War in the Pacific National Historical Park's annual ever River Ranger program!

The park will host the River Ranger program at Masso River in the spring of 2016. Your children will spend a Saturday morning with park rangers and biologists to explore a river located in their national park.

Children will participate in lessons that teach about Guam's rivers. Through demonstrations, hands-on activities, lively group discussions, and personal interactions with plant and wildlife, children will build on their knowledge of the natural world. They will walk along a shallow river, explore the special values they hold, and learn how to protect them.

The sessions take place on Saturdays on April 30, May 7, and 21, 2016 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Children in 3rd and 4th grades are eligible to participate.

Pre-registration is required. Registration packets should be picked up and submitted at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center in Sumay. Registration packets can also be downloaded from www.nps.gov/wapa.

Seats are limited and reservation of slots are on a first come, first serve basis. The last day to submit completed registration packets and a \$20 refundable deposit is Thursday, May 5, 2016.

If you have any questions, please call Education Program Assistant Tanya Sortor at 671-482-1234 or 671-477-7279, ext 1015 or email at educationspecialist@pacifichistoricparks.org.

We hope to see you and your child at your national park this spring!

Sincerely,



Jaclyn Zapanta Balajadia
Pacific Historic Parks
Education Specialist



River Ranger Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What should River Rangers bring?

For safety purposes, Reef Rangers are required to dress appropriately for this outdoor event. Please have your child wear clothes for hot weather, shoes that can get wet (such as reef walkers), bug repellent, and sunscreen. They should bring water, a small towel, and snacks.

All participants will receive a free River Ranger backpack, & water bottle, courtesy of the park.

River Rangers should not bring the following: pets, wheeled vehicles, distracting electronic game devices, musical instruments, or sports balls.

How are River Rangers selected?

Youth currently entering 3rd & 4th grades are eligible to apply. Completed registration packets and a \$20 refundable deposit are required for reserving a spot. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

When is the deadline to turn in the River Ranger Registration Form Packet?

Seats are limited and reservation of slots are on a first come, first serve basis. The last day to submit completed registration packets and a \$20 refundable deposit is Thursday, May 5, 2016.

Where do I turn in my completed River Ranger Registration Packet and \$20 deposit?

They can be turned in at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center (located in Sumay, near the Naval Station Guam front gate across from Taco Bell) between the hours of 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Sunday. Cash and check deposits are accepted. Checks should be made out to Pacific Historic Parks.

What if my child is NOT in 3rd or 4th grade?

The curriculum is designed and tailored for this specific age group. Therefore, youth entering 3rd and 4th grades will have first priority in reserving spots. Youth from other grades will be placed on the waiting list. If there is an open slot available, we will contact parents three days before each River Ranger session begins.

How do I claim my refundable registration deposit of \$20?

Participants must attend their designated program date to receive the refund. Less than a two-week notice on cancellations will result in a forfeit of deposit refunds. Refunds may be picked up **at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center** between May 21 and June 4. **The last day to pick up refunds is June 4, 2016.** Refunds will be issued only to parents or guardians listed in the registration packet. Registration deposits not collected after this date will be automatically donated to future educational programs.

Where is drop-off and pick-up?

River Rangers may be **dropped-off at 8:30 am and be picked up at 12:30 pm** in front of Jose Rios Middle School in Piti (see map).





Registration Form Part I: Participant Information & Session Preference

Child's Name (Last, First): _____

Indicate grade level: ☐ 3rd grade ☐ 4th grade Other: _____

School child is attending: _____

Gender: How many times has your child hiked in the past year?
☐ M ☐ F ☐ 0 (Never) ☐ 2-5 times ☐ 6 or more times

Indicate Shoe Size: _____ How did you hear about this program? _____

Please be advised that participants will primarily be in an outdoor environment. They will be exposed to the sun for an extended period of time. They will be hiking on uneven terrain, sitting on a tarp under a canopy during sunny or rainy days, and walking along a shallow river.

If there are any important health conditions (allergies, medications, etc.) you believe the camp staff should be aware of, write them below. For your safety, this information will only be released to emergency personnel services in the event of an emergency.

War in the Pacific National Historical Park and Pacific Historic Parks will conduct three separate River Ranger programs. Students can sign up for only one session. No exceptions. Spots are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. **All sessions start at 8:30 am and end at 12:30 pm. Drop off is no earlier than 8:15 am.**

Please select which session you prefer your child to attend:

☐ **Session 1: April 30, Saturday** ☐ **Session 2: May 7, Saturday** ☐ **Session 3: May 21, Saturday**

Optional: Please write down any pertinent information you would like us to know concerning the week you prefer to attend:



Registration Form Part II: Emergency Contacts & Parent Consent

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| Child's Name (Last, First): | |
| Home Address (Street, Number, & Village): | |
| Contact Person #1's Name: | |
| Relationship: | Email address: |
| Best contact number: | Alternative number: |
| Contact Person #2's Name: | |
| Relationship: | Email address: |
| Best contact number: | Alternative number: |

I, _____, the guardian or parent of the child listed above, have read and understand the River Ranger Registration Packet. My child is fit to participate in physical activities of the camp including but not limited to hiking. I hereby give permission to park staff to photograph, record, video, and/or film my child during the River Ranger program for National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks media. I hereby grant the National Park Service permission to use my child's likeness in a photograph in any and all publications for Government or nongovernment purposes, including website entries and social media, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the National Park Service and will not be returned.

I understand that I can pick up my \$20 registration deposit if my child completes the program. I understand the last day to pick up the refund is June 4, 2016 at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center. I hereby give permission to allow my child to participate in the River Ranger Program. I certify that the information filled out on the River Ranger Registration Packet is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date